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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method of increasing insulin sensitivity in a mammalian patient by administering to the patient an effective amount of a nitric oxide donor or nitric oxide agonist compound.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9 wherein said administering step further includes orally administering the compound.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9 wherein said administering step further includes injecting the compound.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to claim 9 wherein said administering step further includes delivering the compound through a pump system directly into the portal vein.

Claim 5-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a nitric oxide donor compound.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a nitric oxide agonist compound.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method according to claim 10, wherein said administering step further includes orally administering the compound.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method according to claim 10, wherein said administering step includes injecting the compound.

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Claim 13 (previously presented): The method according to claim 10, wherein said administering step further includes delivering the compound through a pump system directly into the portal vein.

Claims 14-18 (canceled)